11th February 1955]

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" செஸ் நிதியிலிருந்து 1953-54-ம் வருஷத்திற்கு கிட்டத்தட்ட 90 லட்சம் ரூபாய் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதிலிருந்து 26 லட்சம் கடனுதவியாகவும், 6 லட்சம் ரூபாய் கூட்டுறவு சொசைட்டிகளுக்குப் பங்குகள் சேர்ப்பதற்குக் கடனாகக் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று ஏற்பட்டது உண்மையா ? அப்படி இருந்தால் இவ்வளவு குறைவாக என் சேர்க்கப்படவேண்டும் என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state the percentage that the rebate amount bears to the total allotment from the Handloom Cess Fund? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have not worked out the percentage."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" 1953-ம் வருஷம் கைத்தறி ஜவுளி விலை வீழ்ச்சியின் காரணமாக சில கூட்டுறவு சொசைட்டிகள் வேலை செய்ய முடியாமல் நின்றுவிட்டன. அதுபோன்று சங்கங்களுக்கு கைத்தறி செஸ் பண்டிலிருந்து உதவி செய்து அவை மீண்டும் ஆரம்பிக்கப்படுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அதைப்பற்றி நோட்டீஸ் வேண்டும். "

Steamer service between the Laccadives and the mainland.

* 628 *Q.*—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any private individuals have applied to the Government for starting a motor boat communication between the Laccadives and the mainland;

(*b*) if so, how the application has been disposed of; and

(*c*) what steps the Government have taken to start a steamer communication between the Laccadives and the mainland?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes. One application was received requesting financial assistance.

" (*b*) The application was rejected.

" (*c*) The matter is under consideration."

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know whether the Government will consider the desirability of negotiating with the existing steamer services which are running between Cochin and Bombay and requesting them to make a slight deviation and touch these islands on their way to Bombay? Will this not be a practical course till permanent arrangements for starting a steamer service are made either by the Government or by private agencies? " 11-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Regarding the introduction of a steamer service, I may inform the hon. Member that the matter is being examined in detail with

reference to the recommendation of the Special Inspecting Officer of the islands and the remarks of the Collector of Malabar and the Transport Officer. As regards the other suggestion made by the hon. Gentleman, I do not think it is practicable now."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know why the application was rejected? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The locking up of public money in a private enterprise was not warranted."

SRI A. APPU :—" Sir, the Governor visited these islands in December last, and made personal enquiries. Is it a fact that as a result of the Governor's recommendation, the Central Government have been approached for the allotment of funds to start a steamer service between the islands and the mainland? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir, the matter is taken up with the Government of India."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know what is the present means of communication between the main land and the Laccadives? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" By means of crafts, Sir."

Conference of Secretaries to Industries Departments of States at Bombay.

* 629 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Conference of Secretaries to Industries Departments of States was held at Bombay on the 15th June 1954 and whether it was attended by the Secretary of this Government in the concerned department; and

(b) if so, the subjects discussed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir."

" (b) The discussion related to the recommendations of the Ford Foundation Team on Small Scale Industries and also assistance to handloom industry."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இந்தச் சிறு கைத் தொழில்களுக்கு சர்க்கார் இன்னும் அதிகப்படியாக மானியம் ஒதுக்கி அவற்றுக்கெல்லாம் நேரடையாக உதவி செய்ய என்ன திட்டம் இருக்கிறது ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government are examining the conclusions arrived at in the course of the discussion referred to."

Construction of a bridge over Purakkattiri river.

* 630 Q.—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge over Purakkattiri river in the Chevayoor constituency in Malabar district;